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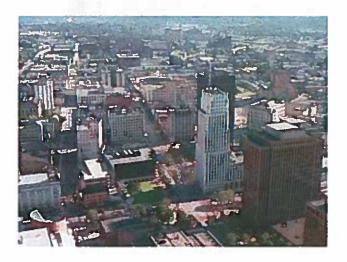


SUMMIT COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS GENERAL DIVISION

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## Mission

The Summit County Court of Common Pleas' mission is to provide access to fair, just and understandable forums for the timely resolution of differences and disputes; applying and enforcing all laws in a timely and equitable manner; and taking appropriate corrective, remedial, rehabilitative and preventative actions and using appropriate progressive programs.



## <u>Vision</u>

Our vision will provide the highest quality of justice and justice system services to Summit County communities by: promoting cooperation among the courts, justice system and other community agencies and services; initiating and implementing programs and policies designed to encourage ethical standards, enhance timely court performance and user accessibility; using progressive court management technologies encouraging the use of appropriate dispute resolution mechanisms; and continuously ascertaining, shaping and responding to the needs and expectations of court users and the community.

# Leadership



# Administrative Judge Amy Corrigall Jones

# **Presiding Judge** Christine Croce

Judge Alison M. Breaux
Judge Paul J. Gallagher
Judge Jill Flagg Lanzinger
Judge Alison McCarty

Judge Tammy O'Brien

Judge Joy Malek-Oldfield

Judge Mary Margaret Rowlands

Judge Jay Wells

## **Court Executive**

**Robert Gainer** 

"Leadership is the capacity to translate vision into reality" ~ Warren Bennis

## Message from the Administrative Judge

It has been my honor to serve Summit County Court of Common Pleas as the Administrative Judge and Valor Court Presiding Judge.

The court faced many challenges in 2017. As our community continued to struggle to address the opiate epidemic, the court seized the opportunity to make a positive impact. Last summer, a second docket was added to the Turning Point Program, doubling the court's capacity hold offenders to accountable while providing them the tools to achieve and maintain sobriety. Valor Court, a veterans treatment court continues to grow. In November, Greenleaf Counseling Center began completing assessments of lowrisk offenders with a substance abuse disorder eligible for Intervention In Lieu of Conviction to mitigate delays of offenders receiving chemical dependency treatment. Through increased judicial engagement and early intervention, the court's goal is to promote the health and wellness of offenders while always taking into consideration the public's safety.

The court also received a grant from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections to participate in Targeted Community Alternative to Prison (TCAP) and reduce fifth degree felony commitments to prison. With this funding, we were able to hire additional probation officers and expand community correction services to monitor offenders. However, just hiring staff wasn't enough. A State Justice Institute grant funded a full assessment of the Adult Probation Department with the purpose of



streamlining operations, improving the department and ensuring fidelity to evidence-based practices, supervision policies and procedures demonstrated by scientific research to reduce recidivism.

Court leadership has made a concerted effort to grow and be proactive. The court is dedicated to seeking funding to fortify existing court services and fund new programs and technologies. We have strengthened collaboration and developed new community partnerships as we continue providing access to justice while maintaining public safety. We are invested in the court's mission and future.

I am so proud of the men and women serving the court. Without their dedication and determination, success would not be possible. So it is my privilege to continue serving as the Administrative Judge. I look forward to our continued progress in 2018.

Administrative Judge Amy Corrigall Jones



THE HONORABLE JUDGE
ALISON BREAUX

Judge Alison Breaux joined the Common Pleas Bench when she was elected to a full term which began on January 5, 2017.

Growing up, Judge Breaux lived in many places, and there were many places for her to call home. As a child, she lived in several different states across the country including California, Texas and Nebraska and she even lived abroad in Japan for several years during her youth. Her parents settled in Ohio in 1988, and they, along with Alison and her brother have remained in Ohio since.

After graduating from high school, Breaux traveled to Texas to attend the Texas Christian University. After one year, she desired to be closer to home and transferred to Kent State University. She graduated from KSU in 1998 cum laude, with a Bachelor of

Arts Degree in English. Breaux then entered The University of Akron School of Law in 1998, and she received her Juris Doctorate in 2001. She was admitted to the Ohio Bar in November of that same year after passing the Ohio State Bar Exam.

After graduating from law school, Breaux began working in the private sector at a firm with a primary focus in civil defense and litigation. As a trial lawyer, she represented individuals, small businesses and also large insurance companies in many different areas of civil practice including torts, contracts, and product liability, to name a few. In 2004 Breaux went on to practice criminal defense a local Akron firm representing individuals, often indigent, accused of committing crimes both at the misdemeanor and felony level.

In 2012, Breaux joined the Akron Municipal Court as a Civil Magistrate, presiding over landlord tenant/eviction issues and small claims matters. As a Magistrate, she heard over 6,000 cases and gained a reputation for being fair and honest with all parties who appeared before her.

Judge Breaux has been married since 2000, and she and her husband have three children. She is involved in her community and has served on several boards including the St. Vincent Parents Association and Life Is Good No Matter What Cancer Charity. She is also a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Akron Bar Association, Scanlon Inn of Court and Westminster Presbyterian Church.



PRESIDING JUDGE CHRISTINE CROCE

Judge Christine Croce graduated in 1989, with honors, from the University of Akron with a Bachelor of Arts in Business and Organizational Communications. In 1994 she received her Juris Doctorate from The University of Akron School of Law and was thereafter admitted to practice law in the State of Ohio. While attending law school Judge Croce worked for the City of Akron Law Department handling thousands of traffic cases as well as appellate research and writing.

In 1995, Judge Croce began working for the Summit County Prosecutor's Office as an Assistant Criminal Prosecutor where she handled adult felony cases ranging from illegal possession of drugs to rape and murder.

In 2001, Judge Croce served as Executive Director of the Summit County Sheriff's Office and remained in that position until 2009. Judge Croce served as the legal advisor to the Deputy Sheriffs and the Summit County Drug Unit. Judge Croce also supervised the Fiscal Department, Personnel Department, CCW Unit, and Sex Offender Unit of the Sheriff's Office and drafted inter-agency mutual aid agreements. Judge Croce also drafted county legislation and represented the Sheriff's Office at Summit County Council.

From 2005-2009, Judge Croce served on Green City Council representing the citizens of the 4th Ward. While on council, Judge Croce served as the Chairperson of the Finance Committee, and Parks and Recreation Committee. She also served as President of Council in 2008 and Vice President in 2009.

In 2009, Judge Croce was elected as the Barberton Municipal Clerk of Courts. During her time as Clerk, Judge Croce implemented time and money saving changes including electronic mailings and online payments. In 2011, Judge Croce was elected as Judge in the Barberton Municipal Court and during her tenure she served as Presiding Judge. While serving the Barberton Municipal Court, many changes were made at the Court in an effort to make the Court operate effectively and efficiently. The Court started a Community Service program along with a Suspended License Intervention Program and a Mental Health Court. The Court actively sought grant money to make changes and enhance the Court without the need to use taxpayer money.

Previously, she served as Secretary and Treasurer of the Summit County Crimes Stoppers and the advisory board of the Grandparents Against Sexual Predators, as well as serving on the Pink Ribbon Committee of the Summit County Rally for a Cure.

In November 2013, Judge Croce was appointed to the Summit County Court of Common Pleas after Judge Judy Hunter retired. In November 2014, she was elected to serve as a Judge in the Summit County Court of Common Pleas.

Judge Croce is an active member of our community. She is a member of the Akron Bar Association, the Akron Crime Clinic, the Fraternal Order of Police Associates #6, the Magic City Kiwanis, Barberton Rotary Club and Dapper Dan. She is currently coaching, along with Judge Amy Corrigall Jones, the Trial Team at St. Vincent St. Mary High School.



JUDGE GALLAGHER AND STAFF
From left: Angelina Pallante, Patricia Himelrigh,
Michelle Manchester

# THE HONORABLE JUDGE PAUL J. GALLAGHER

Judge Paul J. Gallagher graduated from The University of Notre Dame with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1966. He received his Master's Degree from John Hopkins University in 1980. Thereafter, he received a Juris Doctorate Degree from The University of Akron in 1986 and was admitted to the Ohio Bar the same year.

Judge Gallagher served as an Assistant to the County Executive of Anne Arundel County, Maryland in 1974 and 1975 and as Chief Assistant to the County Manager of Baltimore County, Maryland, from 1976 to 1980. He returned home to Summit County and served as Safety Service Director for the City of Tallmadge until he entered law school. From 1991 through 2006, Judge Gallagher served as Assistant Prosecutor for

the Portage County Prosecutor's Office. In 1985, he was elected to serve as an at-large member of Summit County Council where he served for 22 years before being elected to the bench.

In November 2006, Judge Gallagher was elected Summit County Court of Common Pleas Judge with the term beginning January 1, 2007. He was re-elected for a second term for a second term beginning January 1, 2013.

Judge Gallagher was elected by the Summit County Court of Common Pleas Judges to serve as Presiding Judge in 2008 and 2009.

In 2011, Judge Gallagher was appointed by the Judges of the General Division to preside over Summit County's new felony Domestic Violence Court, the first of its kind in the State of Ohio. As a result, all felony cases involving crimes between intimate partners are now assigned to Judge Gallagher's Domestic Violence Court, instead of being distributed among the ten General Division Judges. Non-domestic violence cases, except murder cases, which were normally assigned to Judge Gallagher, are now distributed to the other Judges. In August 2014, the Domestic Violence Court was recertified by the Supreme Court of Ohio.

# ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE AMY CORRIGALL JONES

In 2012, Judge Amy Corrigall Jones was elected to a full six-year term on the Summit County Court of Common Pleas. She was re-elected to a second six-year term in 2018. Judge Jones was elected by her colleagues to serve as Presiding Judge of the Common Pleas Court in 2016 and is currently serving her second term as Administrative Judge of the Common Pleas Court, General Division. She has also served as Presiding Judge of the Summit County Valor Court since 2013.

Judge Jones started the Summit County Valor Court, a Veteran's Treatment Court, in collaboration with Judge Jerry K. Larson of the Akron Municipal Court. Summit County Valor Court was established because Judge Jones and Judge Larson recognized that many of our veterans return to civilian life with serious trauma both physical and mental, which may lead to their involvement with the criminal justice system. Veterans are provided access to programs, treatment and interaction with mentors in a collaborative initiative to enhance their chances of success.

Judge Amy Corrigall Jones graduated Summa Cum Laude from Kent State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. She received her Juris Doctorate Degree from The University of Akron School of Law and was thereafter admitted to the Ohio Bar and the United States District Court, Northern District of Ohio. Judge Jones began her legal career in the private sector and her practice involved primarily civil litigation, both at the trial and appellate levels. She handled cases throughout the State of Ohio and across the Country in both State and Federal Courts.



In 2006, Judge Jones entered into private practice and represented clients involving both criminal defense matters and personal injury litigation. She also represented individuals in both Domestic Relations Court and Probate Court. Some of her most rewarding work was spent serving as a Guardian Ad Litem for children, an Advocate for the mentally ill and as a Guardian for incompetent adults.

Judge Jones has been recognized for her community service, being selected as a 30 for the Future award recipient and an award recipient by the Ohio State Bar Foundation. Over the years she served as a board member of the Portage County Public Defender's Commission, a basketball coach at Archbishop Hoban High School and her alma mater St. Vincent St. Mary High School, and a mock trial team coach at St. Vincent St. Mary High School. She is also a member of various organizations and charities including Akron's Dapper Dan Charity, the Ohio State Bar Association, the Akron Bar Association and the League of Women Voters.

# THE HONORABLE JUDGE JILL FLAGG LANZINGER

Judge Jill Flagg Lanzinger is a Summit County Court of Common Pleas Judge. Prior to serving on the bench, Judge Lanzinger was elected to serve as Barberton Municipal Court Judge. Judge Lanzinger founded and presided over the Barberton Municipal Drug Court and served as a Magistrate in the Akron Municipal Court.

Judge Lanzinger graduated from Heidelberg College cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Political Science. In 2004, Judge Lanzinger received her Law Degree cum laude from the University of Akron School of Law. Judge Lanzinger was an associate editor of the Law Review at University of Akron School of Law, an honor reserved for students whose grades are in the top 15 percent of their law school class or students demonstrating excellent writing skills. Judge Lanzinger served as a judicial law clerk to the Honorable Judge Alison McCarty in the Akron Municipal Court and also worked at the Stark County Prosecutor's Office, handling traffic and criminal matters involving juvenile offenders.

Judge Lanzinger has been a strong advocate for abused children. She served as Guardian ad Litem in the Summit County Juvenile Court, Judge Lanzinger is a published writer on the subject of childhood sexual abuse litigation. As an advocate, Judge Lanzinger won an appeal at the Ohio Supreme Court that enhanced the rights of childhood sexual abuse victims. Judge Lanzinger was a member of the Council of Parent Attorney Advocates (COPAA) and served at an Organization called "Equip For Equality," where she advocated for disabled children who needed services through their school system.

As a private practitioner, Judge Lanzinger acted as counsel in numerous jury and bench trials at



both the federal and state level. Her practice included research, writing and appellate work, arguing before the Ninth District, Tenth District, Eleventh District Court of Appeals and the Ohio Supreme Court. Judge Lanzinger was a member of the Ohio Bar, Illinois Bar and was admitted to practice before the Federal Courts of the Northern District of Ohio, Northern District of Illinois and Southern District of Ohio. Judge Lanzinger is a graduate of the Trial Lawyers College and taught at the Trial Lawyers College as a faculty member.

Judge Lanzinger is married to Dr. William Lanzinger, M.D. They have been married for 16 years and reside in Green/Portage Lakes. Judge Lanzinger is an avid runner who has completed four full marathons and at least a dozen half marathons. Judge Lanzinger is active in her community, serving on the board of the Portage Lakes Advisory Council and the Polar Bear Club (Polar Bear Jump). Additionally, Judge Lanzinger is a member of the Portage Lakes Kiwanis, Magic City Kiwanis, Green Chamber of Commerce and Green Opiate Task Force. Judge Lanzinger serves on the Community Corrections Committee of the Ohio Judicial Conference. Judge Lanzinger is a member Akron Bar Association and is an Akron Bar Foundation Fellow.



JUDGE MCCARTY AND STAFF
From left: Shay Christopher, Michelle Hay,
Hilary De Saussure

# THE HONORABLE JUDGE ALISON McCarty

Judge Alison McCarty graduated from Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, studying for a summer at Oxford University, England, in 1982, and obtained her Juris Doctorate Degree from Wake Forest University School of Law in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, in 1987. She began her legal career as a Law Clerk in the Summit County Probate Court for Judge Bill Spicer. She then became a Staff Attorney for Judge William Baird of the Ninth District Court of Appeals. She started as a Summit County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in 1989. During her ten-year career as an Assistant Prosecutor, Judge McCarty handled thousands of cases, from low-level drug cases to death penalty murder trials.

As a criminal prosecutor, Judge McCarty handled some of the most sensitive and high-profile cases in our county. A seasoned trial veteran, Judge McCarty personally tried nearly one hundred jury trials, prosecuting murderers, robbers, rapists and child abusers, and obtained convictions in an overwhelming majority of those cases. She specialized in handling child physical and sexual abuse cases, as well as sexual assault cases.

Her most notorious case was State of Ohio v. Douglas Prade, in which an Akron Police Captain was charged with the Aggravated Murder of his ex-wife, Dr. Margo Prade. Prade's conviction, in 1998, on all charges and the subsequent appeals have made national news and been the subject of numerous TV shows.

Judge McCarty was appointed Judge of the Akron Municipal Court in May of 1999, where she served for nine years, having been elected in 1999 and re-elected in 2005. As an Akron Municipal Court Judge, she presided over the Akron Municipal Drug Court from 2003 to 2007, and created and presided over the first urban DUI Court in the State of Ohio from 2007 until her election to the Summit County Court of Common Pleas. Judge McCarty was elected Presiding Judge for the Municipal Court in 2005. She was awarded Committee Chair of the Year by the Akron Bar Association in 2002 and 2013, awarded the 2005 Urban Light Award from Department of Public Administration at The University of Akron, received the 2006 Legacy III Criminal Justice Award for

## Judge McCarty continued....

Outstanding Service, and is a MADD Red Ribbon Award Winner for her tough stances and innovative approaches to dealing with repeat drunk-driving offenders. Judge McCarty received a Leadership Award from the Akron Bar Association for her 15year record as Chair of the Mock Trial Committee. Judge McCarty has long been an advocate for victims, and has worked to protect particularly vulnerable populations, such as battered women, children and the elderly. She serves on the Summit County Domestic Violence Coalition, the Summit County Child Fatality Review Committee, and is a former Chair of the Summit County Sexual Assault Coalition. She chaired the Akron Bar Association's High School Mock Trial Committee, a position she held for fifteen years. Judge McCarty has twice been recognized by the Akron Association as the "Outstanding Committee Chair of the Year" for her work on that Committee. She was appointed to the Governor's Task Force on the Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse and has served on the Board of the Ohio Coalition on Sexual Assault.

Judge McCarty was elected to a six-year term on the Summit County Common Pleas Court in November 2008 and was re-elected in 2014. She presides over serious felony matters and major civil lawsuits. Judge McCarty presides over a Re-Entry Court

Program, which strictly monitors certain offenders after they are released from the prison system, to improve their chances of a successful transition to a law-abiding lifestyle. She is a frequent lecturer, speaking on topics ranging from trial tactics, sexual assault cases, and ethics and professionalism. She is a Bencher with the Scanlon/Bell Inns of Court, a collaborative program that promotes civility and ethical behavior within the profession and mentors young lawyers in the practice of law. Judge McCarty also serves as a Mentor for the Ohio Supreme Court, mentoring new judges and new lawyers.

Judge McCarty is married to Thomas McCarty and they have two daughters. The McCarty family has been pleased to host numerous foreign exchange students in their home. She is on the board of the Summit County Choral Society. She sings in the choir at her church, and is very active, having previously taught Sunday School and just recently having served as an Elder.

# THE HONORABLE JUDGE TAMMY O'BRIEN

Judge Tammy O'Brien was appointed to the Summit County Court of Common Pleas in 2011, was then elected in 2012, and then reelected in 2014. Previously, she was elected to the State Board of Education in 2008 and 2010, where she represented the citizens of Summit, Portage, Trumbull and Ashtabula Counties.

Prior to taking the bench, Judge O'Brien was in the private practice of law in Akron for nineteen years. From 1999-2011, she was a partner in the law firm of Roderick Linton Belfance LLP, practicing primarily in the areas of business and general civil litigation. She also had extensive experience in appellate practice, in tort and employment litigation and argued before the Supreme Court of Ohio and the Federal Courts of Appeals on numerous occasions.

In 1992, she began her career as a Judicial Law Clerk/Staff Attorney for the Honorable William R. Baird of the Court of Appeals of Ohio, Ninth Appellate District. She has also been an Adjunct Professor of Law at The University of Akron and, for many years, has been selected by the Supreme Court of Ohio to serve as a Reader of the State Bar Examination.

She is co-author of a legal treatise involving the introduction of evidence at trial. Ohio Motions in Limine: Evidence Exclusion



JUDGE O'BRIEN AND STAFF From left: Michaeleen Chris, Michelle Dimeff, Jennifer Venables

<u>Guide</u> was published annually by Thompson West for many years.

Judge O'Brien also serves the community as a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Red Cross of Summit, Medina, and Portage Counties, and as a member of the Board of Governors of the Akron Bar Association Foundation. She is a graduate of Leadership Akron and past president of the Board of Trustees of H.M. Life Opportunity Services.

She graduated from The University of Akron in 1988 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, magna cum laude, in Secondary Education and received her Juris Doctor Degree, cum laude, from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law at Cleveland State University in 1992. Judge O'Brien is the mother of two adult sons.



THE HONORABLE JUDGE JOY MALEK OLDFIELD

Judge Joy Malek Oldfield started her legal career with Scanlon & Gearinger Co., LPA, and then as a partner at Hill Hardman Oldfield, LLC, where she practiced in the area of complex civil litigation and appeals. Judge Oldfield represented clients in state and federal courts throughout Ohio, as well as before the Supreme Court of Ohio and the Supreme Court of the United States. She also served as a Magistrate to the Honorable Judge Elinore Marsh Stormer in the Summit County Court of Common Pleas. Judge Oldfield was elected to the Akron Municipal Court in 2011 where she served as the Administrative/ Presiding Judge from 2014-2016; and, served as the Presiding Judge of the Akron Municipal Drug Court, now known as the Akron Municipal Recovery Court, from 2013-2016.

In 2016, Judge Oldfield was elected to the General Division of the Summit County

Court of Common Pleas. She was immediately selected to serve as the Presiding Judge of the Felony Drug Court, the Turning Point Program.

Judge Joy Malek Oldfield holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, with a concentration in Criminology from John Carroll University, and a Juris Doctorate from The University of Akron School of Law.

Organizations throughout Ohio recognized Judge Oldfield for her leadership In 2007, she received the abilities. Distinguished Service Award from the Ohio Association for Justice, the state's largest victim's rights advocacy group. In 2008, the Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce recognized her as one of its "30 for the Future." an award honoring professionals whose stellar contributions impact their industries and the Greater Akron region. In 2007, 2010 and 2011, she was named an Ohio Super Lawyer Rising Star by Cincinnati Magazine.

Judge Oldfield is an active member of the community and has served the local bar for more than fifteen years. She is a Fellow of the Akron Bar Foundation, a member of the Summit County Criminal Justice Advisory Board and the Oriana House Advisory Committee, an Advisory Member of the Women's Endowment Fund of the Akron Community Foundation, and an original member of the Summit County Opiate Task Force. Judge Oldfield also finds time to volunteer for many local organizations, including The Christ Child Society of Akron.

A resident of Akron, Judge Oldfield is married and has three daughters.

# THE HONORABLE JUDGE MARY MARGARET ROWLANDS

Judge Rowlands was first elected to the Common Pleas Court in 2008, after 19 years in private practice representing clients in civil and criminal matters nationwide.

Judge Rowlands graduated from Youngstown State University and The University of Akron School of Law. She often describes her educational and career path as a long and meandering road full of interesting twists and turns, each of which provided priceless experience to better serve the community.

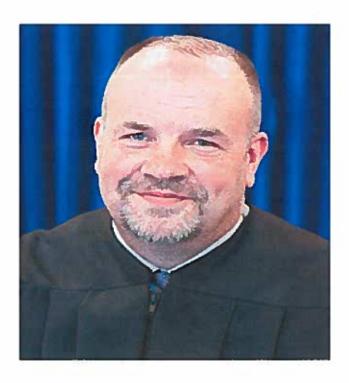
In addition to her assigned civil and criminal docket, Judge Rowlands leads an Ohio Supreme Court certified Re-entry Court, providing intensive supervision, support and direction to recently released inmates to promote their law-abiding behavior and social and economic productivity.

Judge Rowlands is dedicated to furthering an understanding of the law and related topics. She frequently speaks at community gatherings, as well as to lawyers, judges, journalists, teachers and students to create and advance dialogue on these important issues. She is also active in our community, currently serving on the boards of The Civic Theatre and Gay Community Endowment Fund.



<u>JUDGE ROWLANDS AND STAFF</u> From left: Kristi van der Meer, Martha Hom, Dorianne Denard

In 2017, 2018 and 2019, Judge Rowlands was a delegate to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women; Judge Rowlands was one of only 20 judges, worldwide, honored to join the delegation each year as a member of the International Association of Women Judges. Overcoming barriers to gender equality and access to justice are among her highest priorities. Joining the collective action at the United Nations was instrumental and gratifying; Judge Rowlands always finds tremendous joy in the company of smart, committed women.



THE HONORABLE JUDGE JAY WELLS

Judge Jay Wells took the bench as a Summit County Court of Common Pleas judge on June 26, 2017. Prior to becoming a judge, Judge Wells served in the Army National Guard from 1988 to 2015. In the Army National Guard he served the country as a crewman on an Mi Abrams Armor tank. After completing his undergraduate degree from The University of Akron and law degree from The University of Akron School of Law, Judge Wells accepted a commission as a Judge Advocate General with the Army National Guard. As a JAG officer, Judge Wells initially worked as an Assistant Staff Judge Advocate advising commanders on a variety of legal issues including punitive actions, separations and letters of reprimand. Later, he worked in the Trial Defense Service until he retired in 2015. The Trial Defense Service is an independent

agency within the US Army and its motto is, "Defending those who defend America." At the time of his retirement, Judge Wells earned the rank of major.

While serving in the Army National Guard, Judge Wells also worked as a private practice attorney in Akron, Summit County and the surrounding area. As a private practice attorney, Judge Wells was an advocate for the disadvantaged and mentally ill. He served as counsel in dozens of jury trials and represented his clients in all aspects of court proceedings. Judge Wells was one of the attorneys who worked with Judge Amy Corrigall Jones to start Valor Court. Valor Court gives veterans access to programs, treatment and interaction with mentors in a collaborative initiative to enhance chances of success after their involvement with the criminal justice system. Judge Wells has represented numerous clients who have successfully completed the program.

In private practice, Judge Wells also worked with the Summit County Probate Court's mental health program with civil commitment hearings for the mentally ill and developmentally disabled. Judge Wells provided legal representation at each step in the commitment process.

Born and raised in Barberton, Judge Wells currently lives in Norton with his wife Angie. Judge Wells and Angie have been married for 20 years. They are involved in local charities, including the United Way, and numerous veterans' charities. Judge Wells is a member of the Akron Bar Association.

# **Specialized Dockets**

Sup.R. 36.20(A) defines a specialized docket as "a particular session of court that offers a therapeutically oriented judicial approach to providing court supervision and appropriate treatment to individuals."



#### THE TURNING POINT PROGRAM

The mission of the Summit County Turning Point Program is to improve the overall quality of life in our community by providing a court-supervised program for substance dependent offenders to enhance public safety, reduce crime, hold offenders accountable reduce cost to the community and provide an opportunity for offenders to transform in to positive, contributing community members.

The Adult Probation Department works in collaboration with the Oriana House to provide intensive supervision and case management for the participants. The program is divided into two tracks. Track 1 is pre-conviction and is comprised of participants granted Intervention in Lieu of Conviction. Upon completion of the Turning

Point Program, their case is dismissed and sealed. Track 2 is post-conviction. Completion of the Turning Point Program is a condition of community control.

Judges Joy Malek Oldfield and Christine Croce preside over the divided case load. In addition, the role of the probation officer was expanded to a more active role in the supervision of the participants.

Participants are required to be active with supervision with their assigned probation officer in addition to case management meetings with Oriana House as well as in treatment. In 2018, the Turning Point Program had an average monthly caseload of 23. There were 270 screens completed. 84 participants were discharged of which 64 graduated successfully. A total of 57 new participants entered the program.

In 2018,
Turning Point
average caseload: 113
Turning Point
Graduates: 64

#### **VALOR COURT**

In September 2013, The Summit County Court of Common Pleas, in conjunction with Akron Municipal Court, created Valor Court, with the Honorable Judge Amy Corrigall-Jones presiding. This specialized docket addresses substance abuse and military-related mental illnesses and collaborates with the local Veteran's Administration and other community agencies to provide services for veterans that have been honorably discharged from the military.

Probation Officer Danielle Sampson supervises all Valor Court participants. Potential applicants are identified early in the Court process with the help of the Pretrial Unit and subsequently complete a screening process to assist the Court in determining an offender's appropriateness for participation. Once accepted into Valor Court, all participants report to Probation Officer Sampson on a weekly basis and work towards an individual program plan.

During 2018, 87 screens were completed and 27 offenders were accepted into Valor Court. There were 15 successful completions. Valor Court is certified through 2019 by the Ohio Supreme Court.



In 2018,
New Offenders
Accepted into
Valor Court: 27

#### **RE-ENTRY COURT**

Re-Entry Court Program is a collaborative effort between the Court of Common Pleas, Adult Probation Department, and Oriana House, Inc. To enter the program, an offender or their attorney submits a letter or motion to the Court expressing a desire to be considered for the Re-Entry Program. The Court then makes a decision to bring the offender back for Judicial Release and Re-Entry Court consideration. Once the person is ordered to be returned, a screening is conducted by a Probation Officer using the Ohio Risk Assessment System-Supplemental Reentry Tool (ORAS-SRT) or the Ohio Risk Assessment Community Supervision Tool (CST).

If granted Judicial Release into one of the three Re-Entry Courts, the offender is either released from custody or transferred to a residential facility operated by the Oriana House, depending on their ORAS-SRT and/or ORAS-CST risk level. Clients are then assigned a Re-Entry Court caseworker through Oriana House who helps them throughout the program. Participants meet

#### Re-Entry Court Continued.....

with their caseworker on a regular basis and are required to submit random/frequent alco sensor tests and urine drug screens. Their caseworker initiates their programming and monitors compliance while they are in the program. Clients appear in court on a regular basis for progress reviews, sanctions, or when they graduate the program. Clients can expect to graduate from the Re-Entry Court Program in one year unless they incur sanctions, which can prolong their placement.

A total of 67 new people were accepted into Re-Entry Court in 2018 and a total of 42 people successfully completed the program. For some it takes longer than a year to graduate and those participants carried over from 2017.

#### **HOPE COURT**

September 1, 2018, the Summit County Court of Common Pleas created Hope Court, with the Honorable Judge Alison Breaux presiding. This specialized docket serves residents of Summit County with felonies whom have a severe and persistent mental illness. Offenders are required to engage in a court monitored treatment program as directed by the Judge and the Hope Court Team.

Probation Officer Rachel Earich supervises all Hope Court participants. Potential applicants are referred by the Courts to undergo a Hope Court screen to determine their eligibility for the program. This screen might include a mental health evaluation being administered through Summit



Psychological Associates. Once accepted into Hope Court, all participants report to Probation Officer Earich on a weekly basis and work towards an individual program plan. Each participant is also required to attend Hope Court bi-weekly as well as Hope Hour as directed.

There were 60 Hope Court screens ordered in 2018 and 8 offenders were accepted and volunteered to participate in the Hope Court Program.

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#### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE UNIT

The Adult Probation Department provides specialized supervision of high-risk domestic violence offenders, as initiated through grant monies awarded to the Summit County Prosecutor's Office through the Federal Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders Program. Specialized supervision includes frequent contact with offenders, mandatory offender participation in a batterer's intervention program, and other need-based counseling and treatment programs, as well as probation officer contact with victims.

In October 2011, the Department began an initiative under the direction of the Honorable Paul I. Gallagher and conjunction with the Summit County Prosecutor's Office. Judge Gallagher presides over the first felony-level Domestic Violence Court (DVC). Under this model, high-risk offenders are screened for placement into an intensive supervision and treatment program. A specialist officer interviews victims at the time of their Grand Jury appearance, using a domestic violence riskbased questionnaire. A risk tool subsequently completed on each defendant. Judge Gallagher, the Probation Department, the Prosecutor's Office, and a Victim Advocate review these intimate partner domestic violence cases. Consultation with the defendant's attorney and prosecutors occurs as offenders are considered for placement into the Domestic Violence Court Probation Program. If chosen for this highrisk, intensive program, offenders report to Judge Gallagher for weekly status hearings in addition to having weekly contact with Probation Officers. As offenders progress through the program, these meetings become less frequent. The



victim advocate and the probation officers maintain contact with victims during this period of supervision. Summit Psychological Associates conducts a 52-week Domestic Violence Conflict Solutions Program, a component of the DVC Probation Program in which all offenders are required to participate.

In 2018, Domestic Violence Unit Specialist Officers had contact with offenders at the weekly in-Court status hearings as well as 1656 recorded contacts with offenders within the office, via phone, and while in the field. In addition, 61 specialized investigation reports were completed on domestic violence offenders. There were 159 contacts with victims at Grand Jury proceedings with officers having an additional 195 contacts with victims of offenders on supervision. Officers also had 1050 contacts with collateral sources such as treatment agencies. It should be noted, that in 2018, 109 new non-DVC Program domestic violence Probation offenders were assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit. The Unit Officer had 3557 contacts with these offenders as well as 706 collateral contacts associated with treatment and other matters.

As of December 31, 2018, the unit conducted 59 DV Court Probation Program screens with 26 participants accepted into the program. In 2018, 36 individuals successfully completed three years of supervision. Nine individuals

#### Domestic Violence Unit Continued....

received successful terminations with four of those offenders terminated for new domestic violence offenses.

Domestic Violence Court Team members continue to work diligently to make the **Domestic Violence Court Probation Program** a success. The Team consistently reviews the effectiveness of the Program and discusses alternatives that might lead to Program improvements. Offenders regularly report improvements in their lives and exhibit behavioral changes. The DVC team consistently strives to establish a rapport with victims and responds to their needs with available resources. This Department provides technical and practical assistance to Courts and probation departments in other municipalities as they endeavor to develop their own programs.

In 2018, 36 offenders successfully completed the three-year program.

## VISITING JUDGES

In 2018, the Summit County Court of Common Pleas, General Division, continued its use of Visiting Judges to assist with the caseload. Retired Judges from Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga, Medina, Perry, Portage, Stark, Summit and Wayne Counties filled in as needed. Their service enabled the court to maintain an optimal level of function and service to the community.

Cos	ST OF
VISITING	JUDGES
County	\$12,985
State	\$113,341
Total	\$126,326
	ummit's fiscal year is December 31.
	Ohio's fiscal year is - June 30.





**Robert J. Brown,** Wayne County Common Pleas Court/Domestic Relations

Michael J. Corrigan, Cuyahoga Counth-8<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals

Patricia A. Cosgrove, Summit County Court of Common Pleas

John A. Enlow, Portage County Common Pleas Court

Joseph Gibson, Lake County Common Pleas Court

H.F. Inderlied, Jr., Geauga County Common Pleas Court/Domestic Relations

James L. Kimbler, Medina County Common Pleas Court

**Linton D. Lewis,** Perry County Common Pleas Court/Domestic Relations

Richard J. McMonagle, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court

**Thomas J. Pokorny,** Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court

Richard D. Reinbold, Jr., Stark County Common Pleas Court

**Virgil Lee Sinclair, Stark County Common**Pleas Court

#### MAGISTRATE KANDI S. O'CONNOR

Kandi S. O'Connor is the Chief Magistrate for the Summit County Court of Common Pleas, General Division. The Magistrate assists the General Division Judges by handling a variety of civil matters assigned via general or limited orders of reference. Under Civil Rule 53, the Magistrate can preside over bench or jury trials (appendix XIV-A), and can handle any matters preliminary to litigation.

Under Criminal Rule 19, the Magistrate can perform criminal tasks. The Magistrate conducts all arraignments for the General Division Judges. Arraignments are conducted via a closed-circuit television to arraign defendants who are incarcerated in the Summit County Jail.

Under Ohio Revised Code (ORC), 2903.214, persons are authorized to petition the Court for an anti-stalking civil protection order. The Magistrate has a general order of reference and hears all of the filed petitions (appendix XIV-B) to include ex parte\* and full hearings. Below is a recap of the 2018 data for the Magistrate's Office.

\*An ex parte decision is one decided by a judge without requiring all of the parties to the controversy to be present.

### 2018 Case Activity

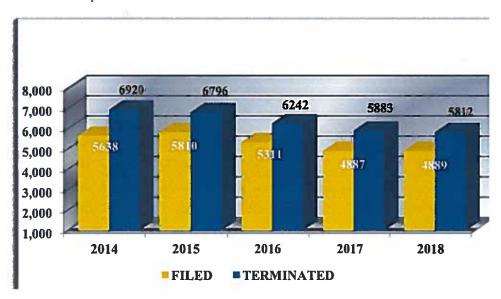
TOTAL CIVIL CASES	1,327
Bench Trials	10
Jury Trials	1
Oral Hearings	1,176
Including Civil Protection Orders, Ex Par and Full, Replevin and Debtor's Exam	te
Status Conferences/Pretrials	95
Certificates of Qualification	46

# Total Cases

# Total CRIMINAL CASES Jailed Defendants Arraigned via Closed-Circuit Television 2,178 Defendants Arraigned in Courtroom 3,391

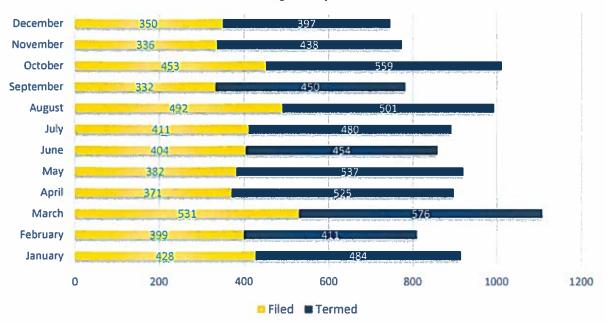
#### **CIVIL CASE ACTIVITY**

#### Comparison of Civil Cases Filed & Terminated 2014-2018



The total number of Civil Cases Filed in 2018 was 4,889. This reflects a five-year decrease of 749 cases from the 5,638 cases filed in 2014. The total number of Civil Cases Terminated in 2018 was 5,812, which indicates a five-year decrease of 1,108 cases from the 6,920 cases terminated in 2014.

#### 2018 Civil Case Monthly Comparison



The number of Civil Cases Filed in 2018 totaled 4,889. This reflects an increase of two cases from the 4,887 cases filed in 2017. The number of Civil Cases Terminated in 2018 totaled 5,812, indicating a decrease of 71 cases from the 5,883 cases terminated in 2017. The average civil caseload per Judge on December 31, 2018 was 229.5 cases, compared to the average civil caseload per Judge on December 31, 2017 of 240.4 cases.

# CIVIL / CRIMINAL CONSOLIDATED REPORT 2018

TYPE OF CASE	TPROFESSIONAL: TORT	PRODUCT LIABILITY	OTHER TORTS	WORKERS	FORECLOSURES	ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL	COMPLEX LITIGATION	OTHER CIVIL	CRIMINAL	TOTAL	VISITING JUDGE (CIVIL & CRIMINAL)
Pending beginning of period	80	10	646	187	707	23	1	746	1,385	3,785	4
New cases filed	63	9	731	257	1,780	46	X	2,003	4,145	9,034	0
Cases Transferred in, Reactivated or Redesignated	19	2	64	51	543	7	0	114	1,477	2,277	16
TOTAL	162	21	1,441	495	3,030	76	1	2,863	7,007	15,096	20
TERMINATIONS BY:  Jury trial	5	1	4	2	0	0	0	4	41	57	0
Court trial	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	6	11	19	0
Settled or dismissed	20	4	502	151	60	5					
Prior to trial							0	279	151	1,172	0
Dismissal	40	3	184	97	571	24	1	489	9	1,418	6
Dismissal for lack of speedy trial(criminal) or want of prosecution (civil)	2	0	21	4	17	3	0	111	0	158	0
Magistrate	0	0	3	1	1	1	0	349	Х	355	0
Diversion or Arbitration	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1,046	1,048	1
Guilty/no contest plea to original charge (criminal) or Default (civil)	0	0	13	0	1,003	0	0	445	1,299	2,760	0
Guilty/no contest plea to reduced charge (criminal)	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	2,117	2,117	0
Unavailability of accused for trial/sent	0	0	2	1	83	0	0	0	1,005	1,091	0
Transfer to another judge or court	20	4	63	49	301	6	0	116	69	628	1
Referral to private judge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Х	0 .	0
Bankruptcy stay or interlocutory appeal	1	0	5	0	90	0	0	57	0	153	0
Other terminations	9	1	60	13	278	15	0	197	1	574	4
TOTAL	97	13	860	318	2,404	54	1	2,054	5,749	11,550	12
Pending end of period	65	8	581	177	626	22	0	809	1,258	3,546	8

# CRIMINAL CASE ACTIVITY 2014 - 2018

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
CASES FILED	4,517	4,524	4,821	4,964	4,763
CASES ASSIGNED/ARRAIGNED	4,219	4,062	4,274	4,292	4,145
CASES TERMINATED	3,821	3,975	4,013	4,727	4,676
TRIALS:					
Jury	78	67	74	52	41
Court	19	21	11	17	11
FELONY CHARGES:					
Filed	7,322	7,562	7,347	7,464	7,548
Convictions	3,750	3,636	3,743	3,141	3,732
Dismissals	2,919	3,451	3,221	3,645	3,192
CHARGES					
Filed	3,008	3,613	3,203	3,162	2,312
Convictions	921	981	820	743	669
Dismissals	1,637	2,229	2,276	2,230	1,894
DISPOSITIONS:					
Ohio Dept. of Rehabilitation	1,052	1,005	1,037	1,036	782
Ohio State Reform. For Women	146	111	86	99	89
Community Control	2,013	2,176	2,200	2,362	2,327
Probation	121	137	124	115	89
Summit County Jail	54	57	49	67	115
Glenwood Jail	5	0	0	5	0
Halfway House	0	0	1	1	0
Community Service	0	0	0	0	0
Suspended Sentence	8	11	12	16	28
Dismissals	124	117	140	187	156
Fine/Costs	24	32	31	21	17
Restitution	0	0	0	1	0
Transfer to Another County	0	0	0	0	0
Diversion (IILC, TPP, PDP)	234	296	311	775	1,048
NGRI	5	5	2	10	5
Death Penalty	0	1	0	0	0

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Not Guilty Verdicts (Jury Trials)	13	9	7	10	8
Not Guilty Verdicts (Court Trials)	5	5	2	2	2
Remanded (back to Muni Court)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Other	17	13	11	20	10
Motions for Judicial Release	1,274	1,446	1,308	1,108	1,053
CHARGE/PLEA STATISTICS					THE
Pled Guilty - Original Charge					
Felonies	3,521	3,562	3,497	4,089	4,235
Misdemeanors	835	1,006	807	1,080	943
Pled Guilty - Amended Charge					
Felonies	782	848	811	769	709
Misdemeanors	14	20	8	15	2
Pled No Contest					
Felonies	34	49	26	52	40
Misdemeanors	8	20	8	23	12
Merged Counts	34	49	26	52	
Felonies	25	13	17	17	22
Misdemeanors	8	2	12	2	6
Dismissals				10000000	
Felonies Felonies	2,919	3,451	3,221	3,645	3,192
Misdemeanors	1,637	2,229	2,276	2,230	1,894
Jury Verdict - Guilty					
Felonies	377	244	171	74	76
Misdemeanors	28	15	17	11	1
Jury Verdict Guilty (Amended)					
Felonies	8	15	3	4	0
Misdemeanors	0	0	0	0	0
Jury Verdict - Not Guilty					
Felonies	66	118	55	31	32
Misdemeanors	16	3	3	2	2
Court Verdict - Guilty			Lieu A		
Felonies	18	17	24	60	23
Misdemeanors	4	1	5	10	3
	2014		2016	2017	2018

Court Verdict - Guilty (Amended)		2015			
Felonies	2	5	1	1	1
Misdemeanors	0	0	0	0	0
Court Verdict - Not Guilty					
Felonies	8	14	4	30	2
Misdemeanors	1	2	3	2	1
Court Verdict - NGRI					
Felonies	6	14	6	22	11
Misdemeanors	4	2	2	7	1
Other					
Felonies	4	1	0	11	9
Misdemeanors	7	7	3	6	2

# **Criminal Case Five-Year Comparison**

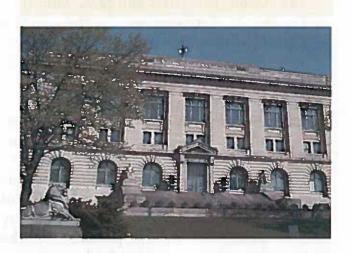


#### **MEDIATION**

The Court offers court-sponsored Mediation to parties who have filed suit in the Summit County Court of Common Pleas, under the direction of Chief Magistrate/Mediation Supervisor Kandi O'Connor. Cases are mediated as assigned by the General Division judges. Cases that can be assigned to Mediation include personal injury, business disputes, workers' compensation, foreclosure, quiet title, and non-payment of student loans. Cases can be selected by the assigned judge or can be sent to Mediation because all of the parties have consented.

In 2018,
599 Cases
settled through
Mediation

978 Cases referred



CASE STATUS	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Cases Referred	926	897	999	945	978
Returned to Court	262	220	260	234	197
Cases Settled	588	458	575	531	599
Removed Prior to Completion	179	137	161	187	189
Cases Pending End of Year	306	315	348	344	338

## **JURY MANAGEMENT**

Each year, on the first working Monday of August, the Summit County Court of Common Pleas Jury Commissioners perform the annual jury draw. Potential jurors are selected from the voter registration list as certified by the Board of Elections from the preceding general election. The annual draw is performed pursuant to O.R.C. Section 2313.06 et seq. Prior to performing the draw, the Presiding Judge designates, by order, the number of jurors to be summoned for each court jurisdiction in Summit County, that being Common Pleas Court, and Akron, Barberton and Stow Municipal Courts. Furthermore. the Commissioners also draw jurors for Grand Jury pursuant to O.R.C. Section 2313.06 et seq.

From the annual jury list, jurors are drawn for each of the four-month sessions of court within the jury year, pursuant to O.R.C. Section 2313.07 et seq. The sessions commence on the first working Monday of September, January and May. The Jury Commissioners, in the presence of the Presiding Judge and the Clerk of Courts, draw the number of jurors previously designated for that session by the Presiding Judge. Upon completion and recording of the session jury lists, the jurors are summoned, using a one-step summons and questionnaire.

Jurors who receive summons are asked to return the questionnaire portion providing a certain amount of information. The questionnaire also provides jurors with an opportunity to notify the court that they are eligible for an exemption pursuant to O.R.C. Section 2313.12. Any person eligible for an

exemption may wave the exemption. Depending on information provided by the jurors, they may also be excused for a limited number of reasons pursuant to O.R.C.

Section 2313.14. The Jury Commissioners are solely responsible for determining which jurors' exemptions are valid and which jurors may be excused.



Effective December 1, 2009, payment of petit juror fees was suspended for the first 10 days of service due to limited funding in the County's operating budget. Parking for jurors reporting for Common Pleas Court and Akron Municipal Court jury service is validated at the parking decks noted on their summons and in the pamphlet they receive. Petit jurors who serve more than 10 days are paid \$15.00 on the 11th day and each subsequent day thereafter.

In 2017, a new Jury Service Orientation DVD was produced.

Since June 6, 2006, jurors have had the convenience of using either our call-in system or our website to access the juror reporting information each evening.

As of October 28, 2002, jurors for Common Pleas Court and Akron Municipal Court service receive an informational brochure included with their summons. This brochure helps to answer many of the commonly asked



questions by jurors prior to beginning their service, such as how they are chosen, where to park and appropriate attire.

Beginning May 4, 1999, Grand Jury Service was reduced to a two-month session to ease the burden on people called and to get more county residents involved in the justice system. The process for selecting the Grand Jury from the pool of jurors summoned for each session is governed by Crim. R. 6. Once the Grand Jury is selected, those jurors now serve for two months.

In September 1998, the term of service for Petit Jurors was reduced to one week, or one trial. This was done in order to make jury service less of a hardship and to increase participation, due to the recent changes to legislation governing excuses and exemptions.

For the 2017-2018 Jury Year, 40,000 jurors were drawn for Summit County, 10,000 for Akron Municipal Court, 5,000 for Barberton Municipal Court, and 6,000 for Stow Municipal Court. These jurors are then divided equally among the three sessions of court and summoned to one week of service within the four-month session to which they were selected.

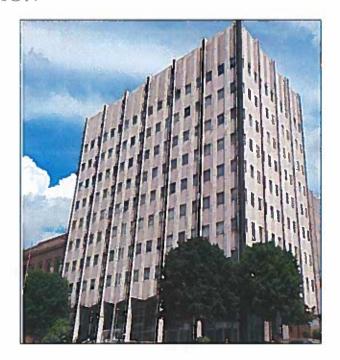
	Total Paid	Total Jurors	Average Days	Municipal Court Days	Reimbursed by Municipal Court
2014	\$7,575	9,743	1.58	1.175	\$0
2015	\$5,580	8,612	1.50	1,532	\$0
2016	\$2,295	7,916	1.46	1,080	\$o
2017	\$0	5,846	1.35	1,204	\$0
2018	\$285	5,950	1.34	1,529	\$0

<sup>\*</sup>Municipal Court dollars represent the amount actually paid as reimbursements for jury fees. The difference between billed and paid is the result of state code violations tried in Municipal Court and for which they do not reimburse jury fees pursuant to ORC 1901.25.

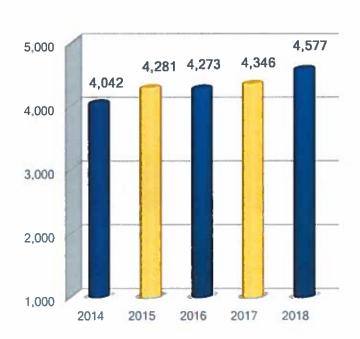
### **PROBATION**

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

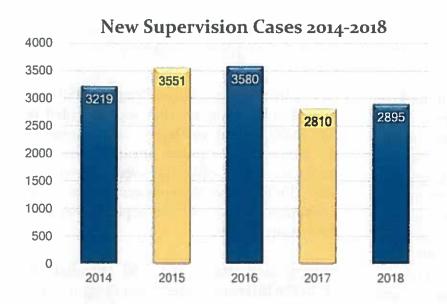
As a major partner in the justice system and a functional component of the Summit County Court of Common Pleas, the Summit County Adult Probation Department strives offenders accountable while hold promoting rehabilitation for positive behavioral change. Our mission is to reduce recidivism and the impact of crime on victims and the community through the use of services proven effective in evidence basedpractices.



#### Supervision Caseload 2014-2018



2018
Caseload
increased
by 5.3%
from 2017



3.02%
Increase
in
New Probation
referrals from
2017 to 2018

TERMINATION OF SUPERVISION & SENTENCING

RISK ASSESSMENTS

During 2018, there were 1,023 supervision cases that were closed successfully, due to expiration. An additional 440 cases were closed successfully due to early termination, four graduated from Re-Entry Court and 41 closed for other reasons. Of the 188 Administrative Closings by the Court, 82 were returned courtesy supervisions, 38 were closed due to death, 23 transferred to the Turning Point Program and 43 were closed for other reasons.

As a result of non-compliance with graduated sanctions, the end result for some offenders has been incarceration at the Ohio Department Rehabilitation of and Corrections. In 2018, 377 cases were unsuccessfully terminated due to incarceration. Of those, 150 were due to new felonies, 196 for technical violations, and seven for other reasons. The Department also had an additional 254 Supervision Cases unsuccessfully terminated that were not incarcerated in prison. Of these 254 cases, 40 were terminated due to new felonies, 189 for technical violations and 24 due to other reasons.

The Ohio Risk Assessment System (ORAS) is completed on all offenders who have a Pre-Sentence Investigation completed or placed on community control as the first step in delivering Evidenced Based Practices. This tool enables the officers to provide the appropriate level of supervision to an offender based on the risk score. At present, there are three full-time probation officers complete assessments offenders placed on community control. New offenders placed community control are scheduled complete an assessment within five working days of being placed on supervision. Once a risk score is determined, cases are assigned to a probation officer according to the risk level. During 2018, the Adult Probation completed Department 2.225 assessments. This was a decrease of approximately 13.6% from the 2017 calendar year.

1,023 Supervision Cases closed successfully in 2018

# FELONY OVI UNIT (Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence)

In 2018, two probation officers supervised the Felony OVI probationers. The purpose of the unit is to ensure OVI offenders are complying with all statutory requirements. This unit also facilitates referrals to outside agencies which provide substance abuse programming to those required to follow through with recommendations. Offenders treatment must maintain weekly contact with their assigned officer, attend a minimum of two 12step/self-help meetings per week, and successfully complete chemical dependency treatment. They are also subject to random urinalysis testing and alcohol breath testing.

In 2018, the Felony OVI unit supervised a total of 30 offenders. Of these offenders, 27 were male and three were female. There were three successful releases, and four technical violations. In the upcoming year, this unit will continue to monitor offenders on a weekly basis and monitor compliance with the terms and conditions of their Community Control.

# INTENSIVE SUPERVISION PROGRAM UNIT

The Intensive Supervision Program (ISP) is a state funded program that was provided to the Adult Probation Department in 1990 as an alternative to prison incarceration. In 2018, 201 felony offenders were diverted to ISP. The Intensive Supervision Program unit continues to consist of one supervisor and six probation officers.

During 2018, there were 166 terminations from the Intensive Supervision Program unit. The following table contains the details of those terminations.

Terminations	48000000
Successful Terminations	
Reduced to Basic Supervision -8	
Released from Community Control - 61	72
Unsuccessful Technical Violations	49
Unsuccessful New Felonies	14
Unsuccessful New Misdemeanors	0
Administrative Releases	19
Terminations designated as Other	12
Total	166

# Intervention in Lieu of Conviction Unit

Intervention in Lieu of Conviction (IILC) is a diversionary program that results in the charges being dismissed upon successful completion of the program requirements. Individual are eligible to be placed in the in the program due to addiction or mental illness as defined by the Ohio Revised Code.

While participating in the program, participants are required to undergo treatment, remain abstinent from drugs or alcohol for one year, in addition to any other conditions the Court may order. Upon the successful completion of a treatment program, verification of ongoing sobriety by means of regular random urinalysis testing, and compliance with any additional conditions ordered by the Court, the offenders are eligible for the dismissal of their pending charge.

In 2018, there were 722 new cases. At the end of 2018, there were 773 active IILC cases being supervised by this Department. In 2018, the unit had 299 cases close successfully and 52 close unsuccessfully.



#### KIOSK PROGRAM

In 2011, the Courts and the Probation Department were awarded a technology grant. A portion of this grant allowed for the implementation of a "Kiosk" Reporting System. The Probation Department and the General Division Computer Department embarked on a journey to create the new reporting system in 2012. Kiosks are currently located in five strategic locations throughout the county: the Stow Municipal Court lobby, the Barberton Police Department lobby, the Akron Police Department lobby, the Springfield Township Police Department lobby and the Urban Ounce of Prevention office on South Hawkins Avenue.

Kiosk Reporting is designed for low-risk offenders and the program accommodates approximately 300 probationers. This "tool" provides a way that serves as a step down and/or incentive for an offender displaying a positive adjustment to supervision and worthy of the considerations associated with being granted the ability to report by using a Kiosk. Some of these considerations are: less frequent reporting, availability of alternative reporting hours, decreased waiting time in a traditional waiting room setting, as well as relieving the offender of the costs of parking.

Moreover, the more significant benefit of Kiosk Reporting is relative to the benefits realized by General Supervision Officers and the Courts. By reassigning approximately 300 offenders to the Kiosk Reporting System, the balance of General Supervision Officers have been afforded the opportunity to spend more quality time with their offenders. This quality time is of ultimate benefit to the County as well as the State, through a decrease in recidivism. The underlying philosophy is: If

a General Supervision Officer can dedicate more time to the needs of offenders considered *Moderate and High Risk* – these increased efforts, along with the Department's utilization of Evidence Based Practices, result in a decrease in recidivism.



MENTAL HEALTH UNIT

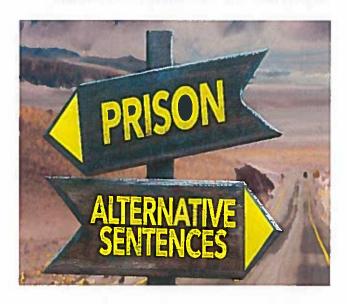
The purpose of this unit is to supervise individuals diagnosed with a severe and persistent mental illness that hinders their ability to function on a daily basis. Collaborative efforts have continued to be maintained with the Summit County Jail Behavioral Health Unit, C.I.T., and the mental health agencies in the community to meet the needs of this specialized population with the help of the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board of Summit County.

The courts have created a protocol to monitor the severely mentally ill offenders which, in part, may include community placement as well as the offenders may be required to report more frequent. Lastly, said clients are being identified earlier in the court process and tracked throughout the process in order to better meet the needs of this

#### Mental Health Unit Continued....

population.

The Mental Health Unit consists primarily of three probation officers. The specialized officers supervised an average of 364 mental health cases with 214 new offenders assigned to this unit in 2018. Furthermore, this unit had 187 terminations of which 126 cases were successfully released.



#### **OPIATE UNIT**

In 2014, the Probation Department was awarded the SMART Grant through the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. This grant allowed for the creation of the Opiate Unit for low and moderate risk offenders. To combat the growing percentage of opiate addicted individuals that come through the Adult Probation Department, we have developed a specific unit within the department to address the specialized needs of the opiate The Opiate Unit consists of four user. distinct phases that provides intensive supervision services upfront and provides

linkage and coordination to community treatment providers. As the individual progresses through their term of Community Control and maintains compliance their individual services decrease.

Currently there are primarily three probation officers in this unit that work with this population. During 2018, there were 178 cases placed in this specialty unit. During this same calendar year, 263 cases were closed of which there were 146 successful completions.

# PRE-SENTENCE INVESTIGATION UNIT

The Pre-Sentence Investigation Unit (PSI) writes all Pre-Sentence Investigation Reports for the Court. At the beginning of 2018, there was four PSI Writers in this Unit. The Unit currently has one active Writer. These writers do not carry a caseload and concentrate solely on writing Pre-Sentence Investigation Reports.

A PSI Report consists of several informational sections, such as, Circumstances of the Offense, Prior Criminal History, Social History and Impressions/Recommendations. When required, the report also includes a Victim Impact Statement. The reports are researched and written using collateral sources such as, law enforcement agencies, employment records, medical records and educational records.

In 2018, the PSI Unit completed 402 PSI Reports.

There were 24 Domestic Violence Pre-Sentence Investigations and 28 Sex Offense Pre-Sentence Investigations included in those completed reports. Pre-Sentence Investigation Unit Continued....

Total PSI Reports 402

Domestic Violence
Pre-Sentence Investigations 24

Sex Offence Pre-Sentence
Investigations 28

#### SEX OFFENDER UNIT

In 2018, the Sex Offender Unit consisted of one probation officer with a full caseload of sex offenders and one probation officer with a partial caseload. The purpose of this unit is to supervise individuals convicted of any sexually related offense, while assuring the compliance of the Adam Walsh Act and Megan's Law, as well as ensuring the safety of the victims and the community.

The Sex Offender Specialists work closely with local law enforcement agencies, such as the Adult Parole Authority, the United States Marshals Service, the Akron Police Department, and the Summit County Sheriff's Office, as well as treatment providers such as, Summit Psychological Associates Inc., Portage Path Behavioral Health and the Oriana House, to assure compliance.

The intensive nature of the Sex Offender Unit requires frequent contacts with the offenders. In 2018, this unit conducted 216 field visits to offenders' residences to ensure that the offenders were living at their registered addresses and to ensure that they

were in compliance with the Probation Conditions. In 2018, over 151 collateral contacts were made, which can include, but are not limited to, contact with the offender's families, employer, or treatment providers.

This unit also monitors offender's compliance via office and telephone contact and over 1,647 office contacts were conducted and over 559 telephone contacts were made with offenders. At the end of 2018, the unit supervised approximately 108 offenders.

Continuing education is vital to the supervision of sex offenders. Therefore, the Sex Offender Unit also completed numerous hours of sex offender specific training throughout the year and conducted a number of trainings for treatment providers and the public on issues related to sex offender treatment, registration, and supervision.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

A total of 285 new community service referrals were accepted into the program, interviewed by Community Service Coordinator Michelle Kocian, placed in an appropriate agency, and monitored through completion. Every client's probation officer or caseworker was updated throughout the process, and the clerk's office was notified in the instances that court costs and fees were to be credited.



### **Community Service Statistics**

	Referrals	Court Ordered Sanctions referrals	Completed Successfully	Court Ordered Sanctions in lieu of paying court/probation costs & fines	Completed Successfully
Adult Probation Department	224	15	8	209	99
Re Entry Program	29	9	9	20	7
Courtesy Cases	19	14	7	5	3
Turning Point Program	5 (January only)	0	0	5 (January only)	4
Clients not on probation or prison, supervised by the Community Services Coordinator	8	0	8	8	8
Total	285	38	35	247	121

Total Community Service hours worked: 11,024

At \$10 per hour = \$110,240

5 new agencies for community service added

for a total of 160 agencies



BRENDA BURNHAM UNRUH
EMPLOYMENT READINESS PROGRAM

The Brenda Burnham Unruh (BBU) Employment Readiness and Lifeskills Program was started in 2010/2011 and named in honor of the Late Brenda Burnham Unruh, Initially, the Program was offered Judge. twice yearly, with a men's group offered in the Fall and a women's group offered in the Spring. Since that time, with the addition of facilitators to assist in the presentation of the curriculum, both male and female classes are offered twice yearly.

The Employment Readiness component of the Program focuses on practical aspects of employment such as resumes, applications, and interview skills. Hands-on activities, such as mock interviews, are conducted to give probationers an active role in the learning process. Written materials are provided so as to give them visible resources to refer to after they complete the Program. Local temporary agencies frequently provide details for placement/hiring requirements.

The Life Skills component of the Program covers a multitude of topics and generally changes from session to session. Within this part of the Program, topics range from education, training, finances and money management, family services, and health resources. Area agencies provide presentations during which Probationers are provided with services offered and details as to how they qualify and can receive the services. In addition, information is provided regarding sealing their record, Certificate of Qualification for Employment (CQE), and the Federal Bonding Program.

Based on Evidence Based Practices, various rewards are utilized throughout the Program to encourage active participation and completion. Bus passes and parking validation are provided for participants. Sessions are typically 6-8 weeks in length and there is a graduation ceremony held at which participants are given a certificate of completions and additional rewards.

In January 2018, 8 male offenders successfully completed a BBU Session, which started in 2017. In spring 2018, 14 female offenders were referred with 10 successfully completing the Program. Female and male sessions were held in fall 2018 with nine of the 13 females referred successfully completing the Program. Eleven of the 16 referred males also successfully completed in fall 2018.

91% BBU

Completion Rate

For cases referred and completed in 2018

## LAW ENFORCEMENT AUTOMATED DATA SYSTEM (LEADS)

Operated by the Ohio Highway Patrol, the Law Enforcement Automated Data System (LEADS) provides a repository of data available statewide and interfaces with other data systems. Law enforcement, courts and prosecutors can query driving records, driver's license images, criminal histories, vehicle ownership, stolen property, missing persons, warrants and parole status. Message switching functions provide the capability of sending criminal justice-oriented messages to other criminal justice agencies within the state and throughout the county.

- The LEADS Terminal Agency Coordinator made 20,074 request inquiries for the Summit County Adult Probation Department and for the Court.
- 45,704 BMV and criminal records were received back and dispersed, 2,653 more than in 2017.
- LEADS operators made 11,382 request inquiries and received 24,613 records back, 3,828 less than in 2017.
- Pretrial officers, using the LEADS terminal located at the jail, made 23,218 inquiries and received 55,660 records back, 4,127 records less than in 2017.



#### SATURDAY REPORTING

During the 2018 year, the number of offenders scheduled for Saturday reporting totaled 345. The actual number that reported on Saturdays totaled 264. This figure (264) shows that 80% reported as scheduled. Probationers who reported and were not scheduled totaled 13. The number of those scheduled and did not report totaled 81.

#### **SEALINGS**

At the beginning of 2018, the Adult Probation Department had four PSI writers who were responsible for the processing of all Sealing Applications filed with the Clerk of Courts and conducting Sealing Investigations. However, at the end of 2018 there was one active PSI writer conducting Sealing Investigations. The writers perform all the required research before a written report is prepared for the Court. The guidelines and criteria associated with a sealing request are specifically outlined in the Ohio Revised Code and in Senate Bill 66. In 2018, there were 256 applications filed with the Clerk of Courts in 2018.

### SUPPORT STAFF - UDS/DNA

There were two Adult Probation Secretaries who resigned in 2018; Sandy Nyeste and Jill Dowling. Shari Hower transferred to the Support Staff group from Judge Wells Court in December 2018. Due to the two resignations and training some of the secretarial duties had to be rotated amongst the remaining Support Staff group. During this transition, the Supervisors and Probation Officers helped to cover the second floor receptionist desk.

### Support Staff - UDS/DNA Continued....

In 2018, the support staff group continued some reorganization of their work flow. Intake had changes with some unit assignments and cases referred to Adult Probation for screens were assigned to all of the support staff group and it has been working very well.

Martha Beitel, Staci Board, Pat Marotto, and Kelly Shearer are support staff LEADS operators. Martha Beitel was recertified as a LEADS operator in December 2018. Martha is also the LEADS TAC and Practitioner. From January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018, LEADS operators using the terminal in Room #221 made 11,382 request inquires and received 24,613 criminal and BMV records back, which were then distributed to the probations officers, court officials, and to the Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic employees.

Between January 1st and December 31st, the Probation support staff helped to enter 15,343 urine drug Screens onto the Drug Test tab in the Summit County Online Record System (SCORS).

In 2018, support staff secretaries cleaned and processed 3,744 probation files for microfilming.

Ohio Law requires that all persons convicted of a felony and/or a qualifying misdemeanor, submit a sample of their DNA to the Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI). Intake Personnel perform DNA tests Monday through Friday from all persons reporting to Intake for the first time, who meet the criteria, and have not previously submitted DNA. In 2018, Intake collected 116 DNA samples.

#### **INTERNS**

The Adult Probation Department makes regular use of college interns. Students from the University of Akron, Kent State University and Stark State College work as interns with the Department. The Adult Probation Department supports and encourages these college interns by exposing them to all aspects of offender supervision. The Department utilizes on average two or three students each semester. In 2018, there were a number of students that completed their college internships with the Adult Probation Department. Officer Renee Cooper is the Intern Coordinator.

### **PSYCHO-DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC**

The Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic has been providing quality forensic evaluations for nearly four decades. It is one of 10 certified forensic centers in Ohio funded by the Ohio Department of Mental Health Addiction Services to serve the Common Pleas Courts of Summit. Stark. Portage. Medina and Geauga Counties. The clinic also provides evaluations to other courts in Summit County through limited funding by the County of Summit Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board. In addition, evaluations are provided to other courts in the five-county area on a fee-for-service basis.

#### **COURT ORDERED EVALUATIONS**

The clinic was referred 433 court-ordered evaluations in 2018. Fifty-three percent of these evaluations were from the Summit County Court of Common Pleas. Forty percent were ordered by Stark, Medina, Portage and Geauga County Common Pleas Courts combined. Four percent of the Clinic evaluations were referred by Municipal Courts in Summit County. The remaining 3% of the evaluations were completed for other courts. Clinic referrals by referral source and referral type over the past five years are summarized in the table on the following page.

For 2018, Competency to Stand Trial accounted for 53%, Mental Condition at the Time of the Act accounted for 33%, Commitment and Non-Secured Status of defendants found Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity or Incompetent-Nonrestorable committed under court jurisdiction accounted for 5%, and Mitigation of Penalty



or Post-Sentence (Mentally Ill/Developmentally Disabled Probationer) evaluations accounted for 8%. Intervention in Lieu of Conviction evaluations have not been completed by the Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic since November 2017.

#### RESEARCH & TRAINING

The Clinic continued to collaborate in training activities with Kent State University Department of Psychology, University of Akron Department of Psychology, and Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED). One doctoral student from the American Psychological Association (APA)- approved training program in clinical psychology at Kent State University provided services under supervision in 2018.

Four psychiatry residents from NEOMED completed forensic rotations at the Clinic as part of their medical training. These future psychologists and psychiatrists provide service to the clinic and the courts while receiving valuable professional training.

## PSYCHO-DIAGNOSTIC REFERRAL SOURCES & TYPE

Referral Source	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Summit Common Pleas Court	869	805	912	849	229
Stark Common Pleas Court	83	71	78	85	81
Medina Common Pleas Court	30	31	44	43	44
Portage Common Pleas Court	12	15	20	30	35
Geauga Common Pleas Court	8	5	6	6.	12
Akron Municipal Court	34	31	15	30	14
Stow Municipal Court	5	2	9	5	1
Barberton Municipal Court	4	4	3	8	4
Medina County Municipal Courts	22	23	11	10	10
Stark County Municipal Courts	5	0	2	5	0
Portage County Municipal Courts	0	1 (	0	4	2
Geauga County Municipal Courts	0	0	0	0	0
Other Courts	5	7	5	3	1
Total	1077	995	1105	1078	433
Referral Type					
Competency to Stand Trial	204	195	206	234	229
Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity (NGRI)	122	107	127	134	144
Intervention in Lieu of Conviction	684	633	717	637	0
Mitigation of Penalty	41	35	32	35	27
Non-Secured Status	19	12	10	15	16
Commitment-NGRI	4	11	6	12	4
Mentally Ill/Mentally Retarded Probationer (Post-Sentence Evaluations)	3	2	4	2	8
Other Forensic Evaluations	0	0	3	9	5
Total	1077	995	1105	1078	433

## County of Summit Courthouse Security



#### SUMMIT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

In 2017, the Summit County Sheriff's Office and Special Services Bureau had the responsibility of providing security and prisoner transport for the Summit County Court of Common Pleas. The tables below provide a statistical overview and comparison of the prisoner transportation, incident reporting and security screening checkpoints.

PRISONER TRANSPORTATION BY COURT ORDER	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Convey To / From Prisons	1,510	1,453	1,723	1,904	1,467
Convey To Juvenile Facility/Prison	201	178	208	204	192
Convey To / From Common Pleas Courts	9,338	9,238	10,140	10,384	10,015
Convey To / From *Local Facilities/Other County Jails	149	97	297	240	210
New Inmates From Court	699	1,087	594	666	455
Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)	1,872	1,838	2,091	1,977	2,039
TOTAL	13,769	13,891	15,053	15,411	14,428
COURTHOUSE INCIDENT REPORT OVERVIEW					
Assaults	*2	*21	*7	3*** (2*)	2 (1*)
Bomb Threat Or Suspicious Package	**2	**2	0	0	1
Civil Protection Order w/ Weapons	О	1	1	2	0
Property Damaging	O	1	1	O	0,
Disorderly / Menacing	0	3	1	1	3
Domestic	0	3	0	0	0
Drugs (Confiscated)	3	5	1	4	1
Fire Alarm	0	3	2	7	1
Medical / Illness/ Injury	13	21	15	8	8
Miscellaneous	19	10	6	l1	2
Sex Offense	О	1	1	3	0
Theft / Tampering with Records / Forgery	1	2	0	1	3
Counterfeit Money	0	1	0	0	O
Child Abuse	0	0	0	0	0
Arrests	0	2	6	1	10
Alarms	o	5	2	40+	0
TOTAL	52	81	43	8o***	31

<sup>\*</sup>Assaults at Juvenile Detention

<sup>\*\*</sup>Suspicious Package

### SECURITY SCREENING CHECKPOINTS - METAL DETECTOR

Beginning in 2008, the security procedures for the screening checkpoints were changed and no unauthorized items were confiscated. Items must be secured by the owner or thrown away.

#### 2018 BUILDING ATTENDANCE

Month	SAFETY BLDG. & PROBATION	Courthouse	Domestic Court	Juvenile Court	TOTAL
Jan	9,746	18,739	9,709	8,610	46,804
FEB	10,478	19,760	10,645	8,916	49,799
Mar	9,085	16,117	10,644	7,783	43,629
APR	10,086	17,117	10,009	9,129	46,341
May	7,330	16,346	9,840	8,258	41,774
JUNE	10,184	17,776	10,304	8,141	46,405
JULY	9,791	17,554	9,796	8,853	45,994
Aug	10,007	16,109	10,111	9,179	45,406
SEPT	9,931	18,113	10,403	9,899	48,346
Ост	9,069	20,215	13,001	12,433	54,718
Nov	8,294	24,215	18,894	15,287	66,690
DEC	7,261	13,270	7,041	6,477	34,049
TOTAL	111,262	215,331	130,397	112,965	569,955

## General Fund Accounts

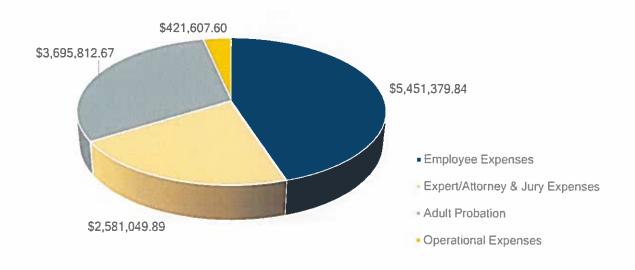
<b>Employee Expenses</b>	<b>Expenses</b> \$3,918,108,1	
Employee Salaries	\$3,918,108.15	
Employee Benefits	\$1,533,271.69	
Total	\$5,451,379.84	

Expert/Attorney & Jury Expenses	Expense
Expert/Attorney Services	\$2,509,740.14
Jury, Contract Services	\$71,184.20
Juror Fees	\$-0-
Witness Fees	\$125.55
Total	\$2,581,049.89

Adult Probation	Expense
Adult Probation Salaries	\$2,599,193.03
Adult Probation Benefits	\$1,064,325.09
Internal Chargebacks (telephone, office	\$1,004,525.09
services	\$32,294.55
Total	\$3,695,812.67

Operational Expenses	Expense
Official Salaries	\$140,000.00
Transcripts	\$120,872.03
Visiting Judges	\$15,236.00
Internal Chargebacks (telephone, office services)	\$145,499.57
Total	\$421,607.60

## **Total General Fund**



## Revenue Accounts

Special Proj	ects
Revenue	\$807,549.50
Salaries	\$466,618.88
Benefits	<b>\$17</b> 1,174.52
Equipment	\$14,088.60
Supplies	\$58.03
Contract Services	\$141,237.78
Professional	
Education	\$24,596.19
Professional Services	\$5,774.43
Other Expenses	\$7,300.86
Capital Outlay	\$222,929.04

Legal Research	Fund		
Rev	enues	\$73,371.32	
Expenditures (Equipment, Tra	ining, vices)	\$50,320.04	
Probation Service			
Rev	enues	\$285,822.59	
Expenditures (Equipment, Training, Services)		\$267,770.32	
Total			
Budgeted Appropriation	\$1	100.00	
Revenues	\$1,166,743.41		
Expenditures from Revenue	\$1,3	71,868.69	

	Psycho-Diagnostic Clinic					
ADM Boa	ADM Board Funding (Ohio Mental Health & Addiction Services)					
Revenue	\$416,689.10	Professional Services/Consultant Fees	\$22,093.27			
Salaries	\$263,422.42	Travel	\$5,155.26			
Benefits	\$92,930.64					

	Adult Pr	obation - Gra	nt Funded	Accounts	
Intensive Se	The second secon	Justice Reinvestment & Incentive Grant 27427 3336		Specialized Docket 27237 2143	
Revenue	\$412,976.40	Revenue	\$134,748.00	Revenue	\$-0-
Salaries	\$243,758.73	Salaries	\$63,857.97	Salaries	\$69,321.72
Benefits	\$139,055.50	Benefits	\$26,325.35	Contract Services	\$24,469.64
		Travel	\$2,500.27		
	1.00	Other Expense	\$2,923.29		
Smart Oh 22515		SAMSHA Valor Court Expansion 27224 2146		ATP Turning Point OMHS	
Revenue	\$-0-	Revenue	\$-0-	<b>27223 21</b> Revenue	\$14,395.00
Salaries	\$77,331.51	Salaries	\$9,648.32	Salaries	\$13,920.39
Benefits	\$28,359.47	Benefits	\$-0-	Benefits	\$6,473.58
		Other Expense	\$532.68	Other Expense	\$979.79
Technolog	-	Technology Grant		ReEntry Coaliti ADM 27158 33	
Other Expense	\$15,414.40	Other Expense	\$19,950.00	Other Expense	\$20,000.00
JAG-Byrn 27437		1			
Revenue	\$-0-				
Salaries	\$14,327.04				
Benefits	\$3,832.46				

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